

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO CARDINAL ARNS

CONGEN IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER  
FROM THE PRESIDENT TO CARDINAL ARNS. ORIGINAL WILL  
FOLLOW BY POUCH.

BEGIN TEXT.  
TO CARDINAL ARNS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 29, BRINGING TO MY  
ATTENTION THE LIST OF BRAZILIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO  
HAVE DISAPPEARED SINCE 1971. THESE CASES EMPHASIZE THE  
IMPORTANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW, WITH ITS RIGHT OF HABEAS  
CORPUS AND DUE PROCESS THROUGH INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN  
COURTS. SUCH MEASURES MIGHT NOT ELIMINATE HUMAN RIGHTS  
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VIOLATIONS, BUT THEY WOULD AT LEAST SHOW THAT THE GOVERN-  
MENT WAS DEDICATED TO AN ORDERLY SYSTEM OF JUSTICE.

YOUR WORK ON BEHALF OF HUMAN DIGNITY MADE ME PROUD TO  
SHARE THE PODIUM WITH YOU AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE  
DAME. I WISH YOU THE GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORTS TO  
SECURE THE BASIC RIGHTS OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS, TO HELP

THOSE WHOSE RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED, AND TO COMFORT  
THEIR FAMILIES.

I REGRET THAT I WAS NOT ABLE TO VISIT BRAZIL THIS FALL,  
BUT I HOPE TO GO NEXT YEAR. AND I HOPE OUR SCHEDULES  
WILL ALLOW US TO MEET AGAIN AT THAT TIME.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER

END TEXT.

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